



DPCC Fact Sheet: Baldwin-Mikulski-Hirono Proposal To Boost Funding For Department of Justice and Prevent Targeted Attacks Driven By Hate

The Baldwin-Mikulski-Hirono amendment would provide an additional \$41 million to H.R. 2578, the FY 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Of this amount, \$30 million is dedicated to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division (CRT), and \$11 million is dedicated to the Community Relations Service. This raises funding for DOJ to \$197.4 million above the Fiscal Year 2016 funding level.

Supports CRT's fight against discrimination. An additional \$30 million would bring total funding for CRT to \$175 million and support DOJ efforts to protect Americans from discrimination because of their sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as their race, color, sex, disability, religion, familial status, and national origin, including the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

- In 2006, 30, 405 civil rights lawsuits were filed in U.S. district courts. [BJS, [8/2008](#)]
- In 2014, federal law enforcement agencies reported 6, 727 victims of hate crimes. 46 of these individuals were the victims of multiple-bias crimes. [FBI, accessed [6/15/16](#)]
 - Of the 6,727 victims of hate crimes reported by federal law enforcement agencies in 2014, 18.7 percent (or 1, 248) of victims of single-bias crimes were targeted because of their sexual orientation; 1.6 percent (or 109) of victims of single-bias crimes were targeted because of their gender-identity; and .6 percent (or 40) of victims of single-bias crimes were targeted because of their gender. [FBI, accessed [6/15/16](#)]
- Additional CRT funding would allow for the hiring of an additional 100 attorneys focused on enforcing federal civil rights and hate crime laws.

Helps state and local officials resolve and prevent bias motivated conflict and violence. An additional \$11 million would support several DOJ Community Relations Service (CRS) initiatives and bring total funding for this program to \$25 million.

- CRS helps State and local officials find solutions when faced with bias-motivated crises that threaten their communities.

- Its work, which excludes the investigation or prosecution of cases, is dedicated to crimes motivated by a victim's gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Additional CRS funding would allow for the hiring of 10 new mediation specialists to help mediate, train, and facilitate in places across the country where tensions exist or hate crimes have occurred.